

State of Alabama

Electrical Contractors Board

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MINUTES Board Meeting Monday, December 5, 2011

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors met on Monday, December 5, 2011, at the Board Office in Montgomery, Alabama in order to conduct business. Those members in attendance were as follows: Mr. Albert Hensley, Chair, Mr. Donald R. (Donny) Cook, Mr. Charles (Chuck) Turner, Mr. Ronald Weaver, Mr. Mack Butler, and Mr. Carl Goss. Members absent at the meeting were Mr. Terry Wallace, Mr. Robert Lamborne, and Mr. Carmon Colvin. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Bill Garrett (Legal Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Executive Assistant), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was present to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The regularly scheduled meeting was advertised on the Board's web site, www.aecb.alabama.gov, and the Secretary of State's website, www.sos.state.al.us, in accordance with requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The minutes from the October 3, 2011 regular meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board the Executive Director's Report and financial information, as of December 5, 2011. A detailed list of expenditures and revenue were distributed to the Board members for their review (copy available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). Mr. Warren updated the Board on the number of active and inactive licenses. He also reported that the Board's operating budget for 2012 totaled \$750,000 and that carry-over funds from 2011 would be returned to the general fund, as required.

Mr. Warren reported that the media campaign was underway in notifying the public about changes in licensing requirements.

Mr. Warren commented on the results of the Sunset Committee meeting that was held in October.

Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Financial and Executive Director Reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows reported on the Prov examination results for the period of July through September, 2011 (copy available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). He also indicated that 2012 examinations will be based on the new electrical codes (2011 NEC).

Mr. Warren reported that the Rules to amend, repeal and add new rules had been published for public comment and no additional comments had been received for consideration.

Mr. Cook made the motion to approve the amended Rule 303-X-2-.03 Renewal of License and Continuing Education. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board agreed that the Emergency Rules would proceed without further action.

Mr. Turner made the motion to repeal Rule 303-X-2-.01 Qualification for an Electrical Contractor's License. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Turner made the motion to approve the changes to Rule 303-X-2-.01 Qualification for an Electrical Contractor's License. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butler and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Turner made the motion to approve the changes to Rule 303-X-2-.02 Qualification for a State-Wide Journeyman Electrician's License. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butler and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board the Hearing Officer's Recommended Order in the matter of Larry Pollard. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the Recommended Order as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Garrett explained the appeal process concerning disciplinary actions by the Board.

Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor Reciprocal applications as presented (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Weaver and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the Electrical Contractor and Journeyman Electrician applications for examination as presented (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Waiver Electrical Contractor applications as presented (a list available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Butler and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board's Legal Counsel was drafting the proposed rules for continuing education and a copy would be distributed to the Board for review.

Mr. Warren reported that a settlement offer had been discussed with Mr. Michael Price. He recommended that Mr. Price pay the Board a \$1000 fine, serve 2-year probation, and allow Mr. Price to apply to take the electrical examination and he would be given one opportunity to pass. Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the Settlement Offer as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Butler and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board's Legal Counsel was drafting the letter to the Attorney General's office requesting an opinion regarding acquiring licenses.

Mr. Warren presented information on receiving a waiver application from an individual whose license had been revoked in 1999. Mr. Turner made a motion to deny issuing this applicant a license of any kind. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cook and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2012 meeting calendar and unanimously approved the meeting dates as presented.

Mr. Cook reported that the Alabama Residential and Energy Code Board had proposed to adopt the International Residential Code (IRC). Mr. Cook made a motion to propose an amendment to substitute the National Electrical Code (NEC) for the IRC Electrical Chapters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is February 6, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Warren reported that the next meeting will be held at the Board's new office on Zelda Road.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Albert Hensley

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director